REMARKS

Allowable claims 4, 5 and 7 are rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims are either cancelled or made dependent on claims 4, 5, or 7.

Amendments to the form of the claims are made to further clarify them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

Csaba Henter, Reg. No. 50,908

Anthony J. Zelano, Reg. No. 27,969

Attorneys for Applicants

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO

& BRANIGAN, P.C.

Arlington Courthouse Plaza 1

2200 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1400

Arlington, VA 22201

Direct Dial: 703-812-5331

Facsimile: 703-243-6410

Filed: April 9, 2007

K:\Merck\2000 - 2999\2408\Reply Apr 07.doc